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In re Application of:
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: Examiner: R. DeBerry

For:
CHEMOKINES AS ADJUVANTS OF
IMMUNE RESPONSE

: Group Art Unit: 1647

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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication, mailed January 11, 2002, please consider the following submission. A one month extension of time has been requested, extending the deadline for response to March 11, 2002, and provision has been made for the requisite fee.

I. Status of the Application

Claims 1-66 are pending in the application. The Examiner has required a restriction, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to one of nine groups.

II. The Invention

The present invention relates generally to the discovery that the pattern of chemokine receptors expressed by dendritic cells (DC) change according to their stage of maturation and that chemokines can be used to drive migration of DC subsets and thereby control the initiation of the immune response. Chemokines can thus be used in accordance with the invention as adjuvants to selectively attract the immature DC subsets at the site of antigen delivery.

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